BEALM OF FAIR WOMEN.

The Girl of To-day No More Mercenary Than She of a Generation Ago.

The Fashion in Hair, as Explained by an Authority on the Subject.

Gray the Thing, But Nature Will Have Chance-Inaugurating a Reading Class.

"Mr. Punch," in the rhymed assault upon modern manners to which he has been treating his readers for the last five weeks, would have us understand that the woman order alone was for \$400 worth of gray hair, would have us understand that the woman of modern times is far more mercenary, as well as far less simple, than her sister of a generation or two ago. If we are to believe the pictures displayed to our view the girl of the period, though by no means disinclined to encourage the attentions of the lover, has no sort of notion of entering upon the matrimonial contract unless her wooer is possessed of a fortune. Love is all very well in flirtations, but marriage demands something more serious and matterof-fact. In the end the only thing that really matters is: What have you got?

In truth, the accusation is one which has always been made, and which it is certain will be made as long as girls want husbands and men want wives. There is a great deal of cant in the whole tendency to depreciate the modern world. The man who thinks that the world is worse now than it was a hundred years ago is either grossly ignorant, or else has befogged and sophisticated his intellect by accepting a self-proved first principle that the present must necessarily be less virtuous than the past. In the matter of which we are treating, however, the absurdity does not stop at contending that women are more worldly than they used to be.

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The attack shows a complete failure to grasp the realities of the question. In truth, women are less worldly than they were, instead of more, if only because of the immense increase in their intellectual interests. The girls of 1789 did not take the question of brains, which is also the question of boredom for life, into consideration. The girls of 1889 do. The manner in which the belief has grown up that the ordinary The girls of 1889 do. The manner in which the belief has grown up that the ordinary woman thinks only of making a good match, and getting herself well provided with goods, is, however, easy enough to understand. In the abstract, women's views about matrimony are almost bound to centre in the question of money. It is all very well for a man who has got an appointment or a profession, to talk at large of thinking only of love in regard to marriage. Not one only of love in regard to marriage. Not one woman in a thousand can feel the sense of security that makes such a form of con templation possible. She has neither money herself, nor the power to make it; and she knows that if she marries she must look to her husband to support her, and to save her from being struck down in the battle of life. It is inevitable, then, that as long as marriage is to girls a mere matter of theoretical contemplation, one foremost consideration for them must be a sufficiency of the world's

good things.
It is as inevitable for women to imagine It is as inevitable for women to imagine that they want very rich busbands as it is for curates to long to be bishops, clerks to be merchants, and lawyers to be judges. In the abstract, then, the majority of women will always desire husbands possessed of wealth and power, just as most men are themselves eager, in the abstract, for the very same things. The wonder is, indeed not that a part of the woman's ideal in marriage should be money, but that, this ideal having been formed and kept alive by the public opinion of the whole sex, it should public opinion of the whole sex, it should be overthown so easily as it is. When the abstraction is brought into contact with the abstraction is brought into contact with the reality it disappears almost at once. A hundred maidens may resolve quite sin cerely that it would be absurb to marry any one but a rich man. The moment, however, that they try to get themselves out of love with a particular poor one they see their mistake and resign their theories. Yet, in spite of this, and of the fact that a mercenary spirit can and often does yield to love, it may perhaus be argued that the to love, it may perhaps be argued that the existence of the worldly tone among women, even if it is to a great extent unreal, is very much to be deprecated.

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A girl, it may be contended, is so sophis-ticated by this talk of marrying well that she thinks it perfectly right and proper to say "Yes" to the first suitor who is eligible from a pecuniary point of view, be he never so unsuitable from every other. No doubt there is some truth in this objection. Every now and then an unhappy marriage is some now and then an unhappy marriage is made simply because the wife has yielded to the notion that money was the only thing to be thought of. If we consider for a moment however, what would be the result if the and thought of. If we consider for a moment, however, what would be the result if the conventional aspirations in regard to marriage were different, we shall see that change would only be for the worse. If women held as an abstract truth that no pecuniary considerations ought ever weigh with them at all, we should have infinitely more instances of matrimonial disaster brought about by a sophistication of the intelligence than we have at present. It is never difficult for a woman to pursuade herself that she is in love, and if, the moment she had performed this easy feat, the weight of tradition, of public opinion, and of example were to influence her toward accepting her supposed lover's proposals, we should indeed have plenty of marrying in haste and repenting at lessure. That girls are strongly influence by the conventions among which they are brought up is, indeed, a matter of congratulation. They are thus protected from that fatal gift of believing things that they know to be seened in the feelings to every woman. The desire to marry well often proves the touchstone by which untrue, which in some measure belongs to every woman. The desire to marry well often proves the touchstone by which unconsciously a girl is enabled to take the true measure of her feelings toward a mar, If it overcomes the conventions in regard to a bad match, she need not feel afraid of trusting herself to its direction. If it does not, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred hunconsciously a girl is enabled to take the true measure of the very some some exception and this is how it was conducted: We had all met at the house of the girl who was the most intellectual, about an hour theory live in the saturday lover's proposals. A very knowing cirl, who wore eye-glasses and dropped to improve our minds; that it was most research for them she lost her words, and the word of the women of to-day was toward the cultivation of intellect rather than—just a fact the converse of the present and the proposal was reded to improve our minds; that it

sex are ready to abandon too easily the older notions in regard to marriage, are getting a little too prone to make love in the abstract the only condition. This we believe would be a real disadvantage, though it is possibly balanced by a tendency said to be observable in young men to consider comfort as the aim of life, and so to possipone marriage till it cannot by any possibility involve a personal sacriñce. On the whole, indeed, we are not sure that men are not more worldly in regard to matrimony than women't have do not, perhaps, so universally expectich wives, but that is because there are so few heiresses. They do, however, what is much the same. In the abstract, they regard marriage as impossible until they shall be in the possession of an income capable of securing them the highest standard of life which obtains in the class to which they belong. This is their form of mercenariness, and, unless we mistake, they incline to persist in it with somewhat more resolution than their potential wives.

Grav Hair the Prevailing Fashion,

"As every woman knows," said an au-

ago is now discarded for newer fancies, which in turn will be equally undesirable and old-fashioned in a few months to come.

"This is true not only of man's creations, but of nature's gifts, also, the figure, complexion and hair being improved (?) by turn. For instance, during the ensuing season slight women can congratulate themselves that it is decreed that they, rather than their sisters of more generous proportions, shall be the fashion. Again, proportions, shall be the tashion. Again, the pale complexion is no longer to be coveted and cultivated, the rosy, healthy one having superseded it entirely in popular favor, and golden hair is altogether at a discount, a rich shade of chestnut having been promoted to the place once occupied by it. Were it possible, by the agency of some subtle alchemy, to change the color of the eyes, doubtless blue, black, brown and hazel would alternately have the ascendancy in public estimation.

order alone was for \$400 worth of gray hair, and that only included a large switch and a wave, but the hair furnished was of the finest quality. Many wigs cost much more than that, the price depending altogether on the shade and quality of the hair used, white being exceedingly valuable. Gray hair is especially becoming to florid complexions and least to those of a very sallow hue, but in every case nature seems to provide the shade of gray best suited to harmonize with the complexion. Many gray switches, waves and bangs are made from goat's hair, which is so beautifully prepared and dressed that the majority of people cannot tell the difference between it and human hair, but that there is a vast difference is indicated by the relative value of ence is indicated by the relative value of

each."
"Just at present, however, nature is being allowed to have almost complete sway in regard to the color of the hair, and it is no longer fashionable to use dyes for the concealment of gray hair. In fact, a young woman with silver tresses may consider herself a most favored being, for gray hair is self a most favored being, for gray hair is all the rage, and, as it cannot possibly be counterfeited, except by the wearing of a wig, a natural head of such hair is in-valuable to the possessor."

These facts were substantiated by an interview with the proprietress of a Fifth avenue establishment where a specialty is reads of gray bases.

made of gray hair.

"I have been trying for years," said she,
"to induce ladies who were beginning to
get gray to yield gracefully and wear their
own hair, and I consider that I have done
much toward bringing about this desirable
result. Many customers who formerly paid
me hundreds of dollars for wigs and 'waves'
to cover up the gray hair have now discarded them, and where additional hair is
required are having it made to match the
natural color. The results obtained are so
satisfactory that every one is delighted, for
the face is invariably softened and made to de of gray hair. the face is invariably softened and made to

the face is invariably softened and made to look younger by gray hair.

Women become gray quite as soon as men but owing to the use of artificial frizzles and bangs the silver threads can be concealed for a greater length of time. While men have been known to dye their hair and wear wigs, now there are compara-tively few who do, the tendency in their case also being to let nature have her way, even though she may choose to remove some of the hair altogether and bestow a

dining bald spot instead, Sufficient latitude is allowed in the matter of hair dressing this season to permit of every woman having a coiffure, and care should be taken, by the use of a mirror and hand glass, to ascertain whether a high or low, flat or protruding arrangement of the hair is best suited to the shape of the head and face. A woman with a long face, high cheek bones and long neck should never wear the hair dressed in lengthwise braids head. The Psyche knot—so long affected by young ladies—har now disappeared and in its place the hair is braided and fastened low in the neck with a ribbon bow, large bar pin, or smaller fancy pins. A new style of hair dressing is called the "Louis Quinze," and consists of covering the back of the head with soft oblong twists of hair, of the head with soft oblong twists of hair, fastened close to the head, and terminating in the mape of the neck. The front hair is worn in "crepe," or in small wavy curls, and on occasion can be caught down with two or three fine bands of gold or silver (Greek fashion) or trimmed with an aigrette or flower. "Crepes" are being revived, and will be worn in connection with the band already alluded to, but the fluffy bang has still supremacy. Pins and combs oxidized silver are much worn in the hair, together with those made of gold, amber, tortoise shell and precious stones, and for ball and evening wear small wreaths and bunches of flowers are the latest fashion.

Reading Classes for Girls. Just at this time of the year the girls are all forming reading classes, says a New

roken.
The question of time then came up. The promise made with the girl that wore eye-glasses was that it should be called the "Goethe Matinesclub," and they all chipped in for her to buy the tickets for Wilson Barrett for next Saturday. This is the his-tory of the attempt to form a club, and un-doubtedly it has been duplicated in every part of the city.

Kate Drexel's New Order,

It has been authoritatively stated that

stylish and altogether lovely a few months of Mercy. She is merely making her novitiate in that order so that she may become a nun and found a new order. The sisterhood she will institute, it is stated, will be distinctly American, and it will have for its object missionary work and charitable work object missionary work and charitable work among the Indians. Miss Drexel, it is said, will build a house for the proposed order somewhere in the see of Omaha, Bishop O'Connor's diocese, and will endow it handsomely out of her private fortune. She will obtain recruits from the various orders to assist her in her work, and will establish a novitiate for new members. She has already adopted a habit for the new order. It resembles the Mercy habit slightly. The veil is shorter, and the dress is made without the regulation trail. The material is coarser than that now used in the most of the habits of the different orders. The members of its of the different orders. The members of the new order will be expected to do all kinds of domestic work in addition to edu-cating Indians. The name has not yet been

To Teach the Girls to Write. Among the other classes for the improvenent of the feminine mind, is one to teach etter-writing. What with the telephone and telegraph, the average young woman is very slipshod in the missives that represent her. Dates she has the utmost contempt for, regarding them as forbidden fruit. She has a way of not putting the names of the people to whom she is writing, and when there are two or three letters to be posted, it is never marvellous if she mixes her babies up. She doesn't realize that quesbabies up. She doesn't realize that questions are asked because an answer is wished, and so she never refers to the letter received. Her spelling is not immaculate; a woman who ought to know better spelled "price," "prize," in a note the other day, and wasn't as clever as the old Duchess of Gordon, who used to say, "You know, my dear, when I don't know how to spell a word, I always draw a line under it, and if it is spelled wrong it passes for a very good joke, and if it is spelled right it don't matter." It is to be hoped that the class for letter-writing will accomplish what it desires.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed for record with County Clerk and Reorder Tooker vesterday:

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W. M. Foster et al. to Albert Price. lot 3, block 2. Brewing lode addition to the town of Marysville.

John C. Bullitt Jr., trustee, to Eliza A. Reifenrahl, lot c, block 19, Northern Pacific addition
Godfrey LaSalle to Charles E. Mongrain, one-fourth interest in Silver Hill quartz lode mining claim.

Charles J. Jackman, trustee, and wife to Franklin A. Wilcox, one-third of the SE. 4 of the SE. 4 of Sec. 6. Tp. 10, containing about 13½ acres
Jesse S. Stoner to Julius Sands, certain placer grounds in Sec. 17. Tp. 10. 2
William J. Hunter to A. S. Witherbee, lot block 2, Helena townsite
George Seymer to Isalah Miller, real estate in Seymour salation
John Laird to R. S. Ford, N. ½ of SE. 4 and SW. 4 of SE. 4 of Sec. 24; and NW. 4 of SE. 5 of Sec. 24; and NW. 4 of NE. 5 of Sec. 25

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